

Message Text

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INFO AMCONSUL FRANKFURT
AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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SY CHANNEL

DEPT FOR A/SY/OPS/T, FRANKFURT FOR RTC, BUCHAREST FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJ: POSSIBLE ELECTRONIC MONITORING

REF: (A) BUCHAREST 5616 (B) STATE 178593

1. TSO KEEN ARRIVED BUCHAREST EVENING OF JULY 13. ON JULY 15, BETWEEN THE HOURS 1115 AND 1330, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF SEABEE DRAKE, ACM WAS CONDUCTED IN THE OFFICES OF THE AMBASSADOR, DCM AND DAO. AGAIN TSO KEEN CONDUCTED AN RF SPECTRUM SEARCH, USING THE MASON A-3, ON THE 3RD FLOOR ON JULY 18 BETWEEN 0815 AND 0845. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ACTUAL OR ATTEMPTED TECHNICAL PENETRATION NOTED.

2. THE DETECTION OF AN RF SIGNAL (REFTEL A) BY THE SEABEE'S WIFE ON JULY 12, POSSIBLY USED TO MONITOR EMBASSY TELEPHONE SYSTEMS, WAS NEVER MENTIONED. SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RSO ON JULY 15 CONCERNING THE USE AND SOPHISTICATION OF THE IN-PLACE RECEIVERS USED BY THE SEABEE'S WIFE DID NOT BRING OUT THE FACT THAT A POSSIBLE SIGNAL HAD BEEN DETECTED IN THE CHANCERY.

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3. THE RF SPECTRUM WAS SEARCHED IN THE CHANCERY ON TWO DIFFERENT WEEKDAYS (FRIDAY AND MONDAY) DURING OFFICE HOURS. THE FACT THE SIGNAL WAS NOT DETECTED BY THE MASON A-3 COULD BE DUE TO MANY FACTORS, THE MOST EVIDENT BEING THE LOWER RECEIVER SENSITIVITY COMPARED TO THE IN-PLACE SYSTEM AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT NO INCOMING TELEPHONE

CALLS ARRIVED DURING THE PERIODS OF SEARCH.

4. IF THE SUSPECT SIGNAL HAD BEEN MENTIONED DURING TSO'S VISIT TO POST, A CLOSER LOOK, I.E. MONITOR THE SUSPECTED PORTION OF THE RF SPECTRUM OVER A LONGER PERIOD, WOULD HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED. FURTHERMORE, EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION OF THE BDA-2 BOARDS IN THE III TE-400 EXCHANGE COULD HAVE BEEN MADE. NOW A SEPARATE VISIT MUST BE SCHEDULED.

5. TSO KEEN DEPARTING AUGUST 1 FOR TEL AVIV. FOR FURTHER COMMENT HE MAY BE REACHED THERE.

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